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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT RE KOREAN SALMONFISHING IN BRISTOL BAY

1. EMBASSY HAS NOTED FOLLOWING AP STORY, DATELINED SEATTLE, CONCERNING ALLEGED KOREAN SALMON FISHING ACTIVITY IN BERING SEA: QUOTE KOREAN BOATS WORKING IN ALASKA'S BRISTOL BAY WITH AMERICAN- TRAINED CREWS ARE HARMING AN ALREADY POOR RED SALMON RUN AND ANGERING THE U. S. FLEET, THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF FISHERMEN CHARGED WEDNESDAY. FEDERATION SECRETARY TINK MOSNESS SAID PROTEST TELEGRAMS ARE BEING SENT TO ALASKA GOV WILLIAM A. EGAN, THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO SOUTH KOREA, AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. MOSNESS SAID THE KOREAN FLEET WAS BUILT WITH AMERICAN MONEY AND ' NOW ITS BEING OPERATED ILLEGALLY. WE HAVE AN AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH KOREA FOR THEM TO STAY OFF OUR SALMON, AND THIS IS A TOTAL VIOLATION,' HE SAID. EARLIER, THE SEATTLE POST- INTELLIGENCER SAID KOREAN NETS WERE FOUND OUTSIDE THE 12 MILE CONTIGUOUS FISHERY ZONE. IT SAID THOUGH (NOT) FORMAL TREATY ARRANGEMENT EXISTS WITH KOREA, THAT NATION HAS AGREED NOT TO HARVEST SALMON. MOSNESS SAID US FISHERMEN ' ARE SITTING ON THE BEACH FOR LACK OF FISH UP THERE. THE SITUATION IS NEARING THE BOILING POINT OF HOSTILITY.' UNQUOTE.

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2. EMBOFF PASSED STORY TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES
KANG, YONG SOON, EMPHASIZING THE POTENTIALLY SERIOUS STRAIN
THE AP REPORT AND ITS REPERCUSSIONS WOULD PLACE ON US- KOREA
RELATIONS. KANG AGREED MATTER IS SERIOUS AND WILL LAUNCH
IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION. KOREAN FISHERIES OFFICIALS ADMIT
THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY FORTY KOREAN STERN TRAWLERS IN NORTH
PACIFIC AT PRESENT, FISHING ALASKA POLLACK. THEY POINT OUT,
HOWEVER, THAT TRAWLERS DO NOT NORMALLY CARRY GILL NETS
AND OTHER SALMON GEAR, AND IN FACT POSSESSION OF ANY SUCH GEAR
BY KOREAN FISHERMEN IS ILLEGAL. KOREANS BELIEVE THAT IF
STORY IS TRUE, OFFENDING BOATS ARE PROBABLY SOME WHICH ARE
NOT LICENSED FOR DEEPSEA FISHING THAT HAVE GONE TO BRISTOL
BAY COVERTLY.

3. KOREAN WILL KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED OF PROGRESS OF IN-
VESTIGATION. IT WOULD OF COURSE BE HELPFUL IF US COAST
GUARD COULD PROVIDE NAMES AND NUMBERS OF KOREAN BOATS INVOLVED.
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